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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/4/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11 and 14-22.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 15 June 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 06/14/05
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 6/10/2005.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Claims 1-11 and 14-22 are presented for examination. Claims 12, 13, 23 and 24 are cancelled.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael R. Casey on June 10, 2005.

Amendments to the Specification

4. Line 1, page 7 of the specification, replace, "Figure 6 is a screenshot", with "Figures 6A and 6B is are screenshots".
5. Line 7, page 7 of the specification, replace, "Figure 8B is a screenshot", with "Figures 8B and 8C is are screenshots".

Amendments to the Claims

6. Claims 12, 13, 23 and 24 are cancelled.
7. The claims 1, 9, 14 and 20 are amended as below:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A group-browsing system comprising:

a group plurality of client computers including a first forming a group, each client computer and other client computers; wherein each of said group of client computers securely share and display including a shared web browser;

a server linked to the shared web browser ~~of each client~~ and the server configured to (1) monitor a transmission of a web site URL request from the shared web browser of ~~one the first client computer of the group~~ and (2) direct the web site URL request to the shared web browser of the other client computers in the group; and

a gatekeeper modules of the respective said group of client computers; wherein, each of the gatekeeper modules are configured to (1) mask the an identity of each of said group of client computers to prevent a web site corresponding to the web site URL request from retrieving an actual identifier of the first any client computer in the group and (2) create a same temporary identifier for each of said group of client computers in the group when any a user of the first client computer in the group logs on to the web site so that a same web page corresponding to the web site URL request is displayed securely for at each all said group of the client computers in the group.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A gatekeeper system for group-browsing, the system comprising:

a group of client computers including a first client computer and other client computers; wherein each of said group of client computers securely share and display a shared web browser;

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a server linked to the shared web browser and the server configured to (1) monitor a transmission of a web site URL request from the shared web browser of the first client computer and (2) direct the web site URL request to the shared web browser of the other client computers;

gatekeeper modules of the respective said group of client computers;

means for masking the an identity of each of said group of client computers member of plural group members in a group to prevent a web site corresponding to the web site URL request from retrieving an actual identifier of the first client computer, any group member of the group; and

means for creating a same temporary identifier for each of said group of client computers member of the group when a user of the first client computer logs on to the web site so that a same web page corresponding to the web site URL request is displayed securely for at each all said group of client computers members.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A group-browsing method for a group plurality of clients computers including a first forming a group, each client computer and other client computers; wherein, each of said group of client computers securely share and display including a shared web browser, the method comprising:

linking a server to the shared web browser of each client;

using the server to configure to (1) monitor a transmission of a web site URL request from the shared web browser of one the first client computer of the group and (2) direct the web site URL request to the shared web browser of the other client computers in the group;

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masking an identity of each of said group of client computers in the group to prevent a web site corresponding to the web site URL request from retrieving an actual identifier of the first any of the clients computer in the group; and

creating a same temporary identifier for each of said group of client computers in the group when any a user of the first client computer in the group logs on to the web site so that a same web page corresponding to the web site URL request is displayed securely for at each all said group of the clients computers; wherein, the masking and the creating steps are performed by each of gatekeeper modules of the respective said group of client computers in the group.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A group-browsing method comprising:

securely sharing and displaying a shared web browser by each of a group of client computers; wherein, the group of client computers include a first client computer and other client computers;

linking a server to the shared web browser;

using the server to configure to (1) monitor a transmission of a web site URL request from the shared web browser of the first client computer and (2) direct the web site URL request to the shared web browser of the other client computers;

masking an identity of each of said group of client computers member of plural group members in a group to prevent a web site corresponding to the web site URL from retrieving an actual identifier of the first any of the client computer group member; and

creating a same temporary identifier for each of said group of client computers member of the group when a user of the first client computer logs on to the web site so that a same web

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page corresponding to the web site URL request is displayed securely for at each all said group of client computers; wherein, the masking and the creating steps are performed by each of gatekeeper modules of the respective said group of client computersmembers.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 1-11 and 14-22 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Haresh Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272-3973. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on (571) 272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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